

Argyll and Bute Council manages these ports, harbours and piers as the Statutory Harbour Authority (SHA) and Local Lighthouse Authority (LLA). Additionally, the Council is the Marine Asset Owner at the further 28 piers, jetties and slipways with a range of duties and responsibilities described in the Port Marine Safety Code, health and safety, environmental and maritime legislation and guidance.

The Executive Director of Development and Infrastructure Services is the Duty Holder under the Port Marine Safety Code.

2. Consultation and the Port Marine Safety Code

The Port Marine Safety Code emphasises the importance of effective consultation by all Harbour Authorities with all stakeholders and beneficiaries. This includes all those who use our harbours in some way, as well as those that represent them.

3. Argyll & Bute Council as Harbour Authority agree to:

1. Consult as early as is practicable with stakeholders and beneficiaries when changes to Argyll and Bute Council legislation and policy are being considered.
2. Consult widely with port and harbour users and other relevant stakeholders in respect of navigational safety issues and proposed changes to navigational arrangements.
3. Include appropriate Argyll and Bute Council staff in the consultation process.
4. Include appropriate practicing Harbour users in the ongoing work to identify navigational hazards, assess the risk of such hazards and recommend appropriate control and mitigation measures.
5. Provide regular feedback on the Authority's performance, in particular its compliance with the Port Marine Safety Code, to all stakeholders and beneficiaries.
6. Publish an annual review of Argyll and Bute Council's activity and achievements through the Marine Safety Action Plan.
7. Publish policies, plans and periodic reports that may be required to demonstrate compliance with standards.

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